

Mayor David Sims called the regularly scheduled council meeting of February 16, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Sims, Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Connie Wells and Adam Arthur, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Mike Klaus, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Police Chief Vic Watson, and Fire Chief Pat Warkentin. Also present were Jerry Higgs, Lucas Swanson, Brion Poston, Jessica Tingley, Dave Gray, and Necia Maiani. Councilman Ron Smith was gone on personal business.

Necia Maiani from Welch Comer gave a power point presentation on the Cassia water tank. Necia said the contractor just started working again last week after the winter shut down. There were 63 piles that were installed at the tank site due to the stabilization of the soils. The old tank was 150,000 gallons and the new tank will be 350,000 gallons. There is a transmission line between the new tank and the City's round tank located on the north hill. The old tank has been removed, and there was 450 feet of 16 inch transmission main to tie the new tank into the existing water system and check valve vault. The contractor is getting ready for the concrete pour scheduled for February 18th for the first half and February 22nd for the second half. Cold weather protection is in place. Walls are scheduled for March, interior piping and the roof is scheduled for April, testing and accessories are scheduled for May, tank in service is scheduled for June, and site restoration is scheduled for June and July.

Dave Gray spoke of the white caribou at the Museum and Mike Klaus helping to bring it back from the Priest River/Newport area several years ago.

Lucas Swanson, Conservation Officer, said he is here to help the City if there are any questions or direction the City would like to take. He has received complaints about people feeding game animals in the City. This can bring predators into the area, and big game causes problems with resident's gardens, and can cause traffic hazards. Lucas said other cities have adopted ordinances prohibiting feeding wild game in city limits and this is a deterrent to most people. Mayor Sims asked if there are other alternatives. Lucas said lethal removal is effective but people are not usually in favor of this. Lucas said he is stationed in Boundary County.

Jerry Higgs said just before dark he took a picture of the residence where deer are being fed. He said deer are congregating where they are being fed and he counted nine of them today. Jerry said with the deer population like it is we cannot have gardens or ornamentals.

Police Chief Vic Watson gave the police report. He said during the past two weeks officers have responded to one possession of stolen property, one trespass, one possession of paraphernalia, one probation violation, two misdemeanor probation violations, one battery/malicious injury, two burglaries, one family disturbance, two petit thefts, one possession of counterfeit money, and one DUI.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin gave the fire report. There was one fire call for a stove fire on Alderson Lane. There are three young fire fighters signed up to go to the North Idaho Fire Academy in a couple weeks and another fire fighter signed up for fire inspection training in Sandpoint. Jim McNall from ICRMP will be at the South Boundary Fire Department on Saturday morning and he will provide training on social media and mutual aid.

Mike Klaus gave the administrator report. He has been working with Shopko on utility needs and review of the building plans are being done by Sewell. Shopko is anticipating an August opening date. Mike showed a power point slide of a sewer main where the pipe is offset and the piping is broken. We will camera the line and go from there. Mike showed pictures of a bearing from unit 2 at the power plant. He explained how it works. Another slide was of the surface of the face of the dam spillway. There are gaps as deep as eight inches and he thinks it will take a comprehensive fix. He thinks we should get rid of the shot crete and resurface. Adam asked how long ago it was shot creted. Mike thinks it was in the early 1980's. A slide of unit 2 was displayed before the work was done and after Pat resurfaced and painted it. Pat did a really nice job.

David Sims said there will be a BEDC Board meeting to consider the director applications received. A URD meeting will be in March to discuss Shopko.

Connie moved to approve the consent agenda. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of the Treasurer's Report; and approval of the February 2, 2016 council meeting minutes.

Adam Arthur moved to approve the special event permit for Boundary County Parks and Rec for the SWISH basketball tournament on July 8-9, 2016. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve Augusta Street project pay request #3 for HMM Engineering and authorize the Mayor to sign the documents. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. (Clerk's note: this was for \$8,858.87).

Mike spoke of the \$9,220 change order for unit 2 repair for refurbishing the Babbitt bearings on the generator rotor shaft, balancing, and painting. Adam Arthur moved to approve the change order for unit 2. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Mike spoke of the computer system that operates the irrigation system at the golf course and said the current computer software is a 1995 version. Brion Poston said there is no support for Windows 95 any longer. Mayor Sims said when we purchased the computer system from Idaho Club he was concerned about how long it would work since the software was so old. Council discussed the budget for the golf course. The computer was not budgeted but it is a necessary item. There is support for the new computer and software. Mike Klaus said there are a few things that he has found since he has been here that need attention at the golf course. There is some concrete work to be done to house the irrigation pump. He will work on the lower and upper ponds pumping systems to help with the irrigation of the course and screening of algae. Mike plans to develop a long term solution. Rick Alonzo moved to purchase the computer and program support for the irrigation system at the golf course. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. (Clerk's note: the cost of the computer system and one year of Toro NSN support is \$6,000).

Rick Alonzo moved to approve Adrian Dice's resignation. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Connie Wells moved at 7:35 p.m. to go into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. Executive session ended at 7:51 p.m. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

David Sims, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk